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ALMA COLLEGE

Sept. 3. Solemn Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost, Profession of Faith, and Schola Brevis.

The house picnic was held at Phelan Park, on which occasion Messrs. Sneeringer and Parrish rescued a drowning man who had fallen from the rocks at the villa point.

Sept. 20. Messrs. Pena and Vachon received the last of their Minor Orders at Menlo Park.

Fr. Donnelly gave the two retreats at El Retiro for the Monterey-Fresno clergy.

Two small brush fires, started in the hills just above the house, were quickly extinguished.

Mr. Charlton underwent an appendectomy; Mr. Brown went to Spokane temporarily for his health.

Fr. Louis Sullivan from Weston rejoined the faculty. Fr. Jerome Sullivan is teaching in U.S.F. Fr. Wm. Shepherd who has been transferred to Santa Clara, is temporarily substituting for Fr. Busch at St. Mary's, San Jose.

Over 200 delegates to the A. O. H. Convention in San Jose, visited Alma on a tour of local points of interest.

Flourescent lights have been installed in classrooms, library reading room and in the procurator's office. A new cement walk and steps have been laid between the library and the classrooms.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Approval has been received from the Government for a course in Military Law at our Law School.

Fr. Spearman has received time gratis for six months from station KFAC for a daily program of the Radio League of the Sacred Heart.

Sept. 20. Some 500 students had registered; at least 30 more were expected.

Sept. 19. One of Loyola's students who had volunteered for the Air Corps was killed in a crash in Virginia.

LOYOLA HIGH

Sept. 16. With more expected, the registration was 814.

"Aeternitas" is starting its sixth year.

The Sodalties got off to a good start with peppy meetings in all the classes during the first week of school, before any of the other activities started.

The Missa Recitata will be held every Friday.

Instead of five boys who went to the Sodality Summer School, the number was nine.

To give more opportunity for confession, there are now two periods: 11:30-12:30 and 12:55-1:40.

The football team started its practice by being enrolled in the scapular. All four teams, Varsity, B, C, D, go to Mass and Communion on days of games.

"Hello Week" with a different program each day for Freshmen, was staged in the second week of school. Everyone had a button with his name and class on it. Many contests and rallies were staged between the Frosh and the Sophs.

By an oversight Terry Mahan was not listed among those who entered Los Gatos on Aug. 14, from Loyola High.

LOS GATOS

Sept. 1. Schola brevis.

Sept. 2. Mass of the Holy Ghost.

The schola brevis picnic at Leonard's was a grand success.

The faculty has been increased by the arrival of Fr. Wm. Cahill from Loyola U. He teaches a special Latin class. Fr. Doerge conducts a German academy for a small group.

Sept. 7. Edward McFadden entered from St. Ignatius High, as a scholastic novice.

Sept. 8. Brs. Wm. Richardson and Geo. Wong pronounced their vows as scholastics.

Fr. Doerge replaced Fr. Busch in St. Mary's German Parish, San Jose, for about a week during the illness of the pastor.

Fr. Louis Wheeler paid another visit just before leaving the Province, and gave the Juniors a talk.

A collection of 30 Madonnas has been hung in the Juniors' new reading room. The pictures are copies of various masterpieces and were brought from Rome by Fr. Wm. J. Dunne.

On the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, the Community Mass was celebrated at the Lourdes Shrine.

During the month Br. Hand, a Junior, and Br. Enright, a Novice, were grieved by the death of their father.

Purchase of Los Gatos Site—In 1885 it was felt advisable to remove the Novitiate from Santa Clara. On January 7, 1886, the Superior of the Mission, Fr. Nicholas Congiato, discussed the matter with his Consultors, Frs. Masnata, Sasia and Kenna, when it was decided to purchase a site somewhere in the Santa Clara Valley. A Mountain View site was judged unsatisfactory. Fr. Masnata wished to buy the property of a Canadian, Montagu by name, because his place would be convenient for the parishioners in Los Gatos. As they were looking for a site suited for Novices and Juniors, and not for parishioners, Fr. Congiato rejected Montagu's place. Hildebrand's property of Los Gatos was visited on March 6, 1885; the deal for its purchase for 7000 scudi was almost closed. The historian says it is fortunate they did not buy the place, as the land was not good for orchards, nor did it have much water, and it was much exposed to storms.

On March 11, the Consultors visited the Wilcox property where the Novitiate now is; on March 12 they decided on its purchase; on March 17 the contract was signed and the purchase made for 15,000 scudi.

SAN DIEGO

Fr. Bassett in exchange for lessons in Spanish, is giving daily lessons in English to Frs. Silva and Ocampo.

The Holy Family Sisters teach catechism to the Mexican children. During the Vacation School the Sisters had 800 children, 400 in the hall, and 400 in the church. The wide street in front of the church was roped off for two play periods.

Bishop McGucken gave Father three-quarters of an hour in Los Angeles, recalling Mexican Jesuits whom he had known, giving valuable pointers on learning Spanish and practical advice on dealing with the Mexican people. He closed the visit with these generous

words: "You have the faculties of the Los Angeles archdiocese. You may need them, when you come up here from time to time. Keep them as long as you are in San Diego."

Bishop Buddy gave Fr. Bassett a most cordial welcome, first through Fr. Silva, and later personally during an hour's conference. He inquired about Father's experience in the work of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at Santa Barbara. The Bishop asked for Fr. Bassett's help with the Confraternity in San Diego and with his Teacher-Training Classes. "Will you help me also with confessions and conferences for the Sisters? We have many Sisters but very few religious priests to console and help them in the great work God has given them to do."

Besides other duties, Fr. Bassett has the Children's Mass at 8 each Sunday; has care of 15 little Mexican altar boys; and hundreds of children in various catechism centers, one of which he visits each day; is Ordinary Confessor for the Holy Family and Mercy Sisters; gives monthly conferences to the Carmelites and the Mercy Sisters.

SAN FRANCISCO

During the Summer School in San Francisco, a three day Institute was held for Ours; and a series of meetings was held for the Sisters. Once a week a religious conference was offered to the Sisters.

Fr. Lyons attended the Eucharistic Conference in Minneapolis. Fr. Howard attended the Institute for Priest Religious Teachers of High Schools, held at West Baden, Indiana.

Fr. Clark attended the Institute for Catholic Prison Chaplains at Washington, D. C. At the meeting of Catholic Chaplains of California held in San Francisco, he read a paper, "The Chaplain and Religious Counseling." This meeting was attended by Fr. Gallagher of Loyola University, Chicago; and by Fr. Paul Corkery, Chaplain at McNeil's Island.

Sept. 14. Fr. Foote publicly celebrated his Diamond Jubilee. Fr. Rector sang the Solemn High Mass, with Fr. Ward and Mr. Early as deacon and sub-deacon. Fr. Gleeson preached the sermon.

Frs. Sugrue and Dunne are conducting the Inquiry Class every Monday evening. Every year a great number of converts results from these classes.

Due to the efforts of Fr. Ward, 17 of the 18 circular stained glass windows have been placed in the church.

The Ladies' Sodality retreat was given by Frs. Sugrue, O'Mara, Feely, Cody, Gleeson, and Rector.

The renovated football field at the eastern end of the campus, after long disuse, is again in active service.

High School Registration: 763.

The University registration is not get complete. The day school figures will not equal those of last year; the night school division will be larger.

Fr. O'Mara gave the retreat to the students of the 4th high; Fr. Rice to the rest of the high school, (Oct. 1-3).

Fr. Corbett preached at the annual Mass of the Holy Ghost.

SANTA CLARA

The Catholic Boy Scouts of the Santa Clara Valley have been given the privilege of using the gym on certain evenings each month.

The library staff has been strengthened by the addition of a cataloguer, and by the return of Dr. Nachod who had been confined to the infirmary for several months with a broken leg.

An anonymous donor has given \$1000 for the upkeep of the library.

In one week two letters were received asking information on the procedure of making bequests to the University for the establishment of 80 scholarships.

Sept. 16. Fr. Rector celebrated the Mass of the Holy Ghost; Fr. Corbett preached the sermon.

With registration still open, the total enrollment will go over 550, a 7% increase over last year. Freshman enrollment is approximately 200, a 17% increase. An unusually large number of transfers has offset withdrawals in upper classmen.

Although the quota of advanced students in R.O.T.C. has been raised from 25 to 60, more students have applied than can be accommodated. Of the students commissioned in the regular Army upon graduation this year, five have been sent to Fort Sill, Okla., for advanced studies; and two to the Philippines.

Three Professors have been added to the Engineering College, two to the Business College, one to the English Department. Professor Dirksen is acting Dean of the Business School. Frs. Donovan, Deasy, Conway and St. Sure are teaching religion full time.

Fr. Shipsey taught at Gonzaga during the summer session.

A work of the Ricard Observatory, which practically ceased with the death of Fr. Ricard, the long range forecasting

of weather, has been renewed by Fr. Weber. If a short trial warrants it, the forecasts will appear in print in the near future.

Observatory equipment long lying dormant is being renovated. Occultations, or the time of disappearance of stars behind the moon will be recorded. Daily observations of variable stars will occupy the 8-inch telescope, and will be supplemented with photographic recordings by the 3-inch celestial camera.

During the summer Fr. Deasy attended the Summer School of Catholic Action at Chicago, and Mr. Fitzgerald that of St. Louis.

The "Young Catholic Messenger" of Dayton, Ohio, has written ten letters of adventure for its children readers. The letters are based on Fr. Hubbard's "Cradle of the Storms." Proper permissions were secured from author and publisher of the book.

BELLARMINE PREP

Sept. 11. Mass of the Holy Ghost was said by Fr. Rector at the Santa Clara Mission Church. Fr. James Healy preached the sermon.

Fr. DeLucchi began the school year, teaching at Bellarmine, and then was approved by the Chancery Office for his work at Holy Family, San Jose.

Fr. Robert V. Burns is extraordinary confessor for the Mercy Sisters, Sacramento.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Fr. Cody gave the annual student retreat.

The total number of students is 349. There are 59 resident students, the largest number in five years. Last year there were 46 resident students.

Among the boarders are students from Panama, El Salvador, Colombia, Mexico, and Honolulu.

The annual barbecue, held at the Fredericksburg, San Jose, was attended by 125 members of the Dads Club.

VARIA

Sept. 18. Fr. Henry Busch went to Phoenix for a rest; he has been very ill all summer. Fr. Wm. Shepherd is replacing him at St. Mary's, San Jose.

Fr. Laherty gave the morning sermon for the German Catholic Societies' Convention in San Jose. Fr. Vaughan spoke in the evening.

The bus has brought a big increase in attendance at St. Joseph's School, San Jose. On September 3, there were 205 in the school, and on September 16, 282. The bus is not big enough to carry the children in three trips.

Our school in Hollywood reports the biggest crowd ever in the parochial school. The number was expected to increase from 405 to 475.

Phoenix reports a good enrollment. Five days before the opening of school 75 new pupils had been registered.

Mr. Richard Green in St. Louis is beadle of the post-graduate students.

El Retiro reports for the past scholastic year:

Laymen's retreats	48
Attendance	1763
Priests' retreats	4
Attendance	165
Students' retreats	5
Attendance	187

Fr. Rice gave two retreats for women at Maryknoll; also Fr. Crowley gave two. Total attendance 50.

Fr. Wm. Donnelly gave the two retreats to the Fresno Clergy at El Retiro, with 38 in the first, 48 in the second retreat.

Fr. Martinez, a Spanish Oblate, gave a week's mission in Santa Barbara for the Mexicans in our parish.

Fr. Albert O'Hara will live at Carroll House, 3303 Tenth St., N.E., Washington, D. C. Ours who attend the Catholic University reside at Carroll House. Six extra bed rooms have been added. For insulation against the heat of summer and the cold of winter, the walls and ceiling have been covered with thick layers of glass wool. It was desired to buy the house, at present the Society is paying rent. Fr. Wilfrid Parsons is Superior.

Fr. Gruenthaner of the Missouri Province is teaching Scripture at the Catholic University. Fr. Parsons also continues on the staff.

Fr. David McAstocker offered his services to Bishop Buddy of San Diego to act as a pioneer in a Negro Mission in that city.

Frs. Lennon and Moore are leaving for China on October 10; Fr. Lennon returns to his work at Gonzaga; Fr. Moore goes on important business matters regarding our work in China.

The Santa Clara Carmelites gave Fr. Moore 25 complete sets of vestments for his China Mission.

The Ladies' Sodality of Santa Barbara held a "Shower" and gave the proceeds to Fr. Moore for his China Mission.

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Bellarmino Prep.

1st yr.	85
2nd yr.	104

3rd yr.	85
4th yr.	75
	349

Loyola High

1st yr.	229
2nd yr.	231
3rd yr.	201
4th yr.	153

814

St. Ignatius High

1st yr.	210
2nd yr.	202
3rd yr.	182
4th yr.	169

763

The following statistics from Blessed Sacrament, Hollywood, are of interest. Besides individual instruction in the parlor to inquirers, two classes each lasting 18 weeks are held for possible converts. The results of this work for the past scholastic year were 68 adult baptisms. On Sundays the average total attendance at Mass is 4700, on week days 400. On Fridays there are two exercises for the Novena of the Sorrowful Mother with 1000 assisting each time. During the year 132,000 Holy Communions were distributed; 75 infants baptised; 91 children and 79 adults confirmed; 68 marriages. Over 400 children attended the parochial school.

St. Clare's, Santa Clara, reports for the year: 131 baptisms; 9 converts; 47 marriages and 7 revalidations; 82 First Communions.

Fr. Harold DeLucchi has been confirmed as Assistant Pastor at Holy Family Church. Fr. Biagini is to devote himself to work among the Mexicans as far as possible.

Some of the Novices at Grand Coteau were given unusual manualia to do, when with some of the Scholastics they were assigned to be official observers in the tower of Sacred Heart Church to watch for and report on army airplanes that were partaking in the war maneuvers.

DEATHS

Mother of Frs. Hil. and Cl. Werts.
 Father of Br. Hand, 1st yr. jun.
 Father of Br. Enright, 1st yr. nov.
 Father of Mr. Mibach, 1st yr. phil.

Exivit

Mr. Henry Selhorst, 1st yr. theol.